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Applicants

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AROUND A BUNDLE OF OBJECTS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 9, 2005, please extend the period of time for response 2 months, to expire on October 9, 2005. Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Applicants elect to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

In accordance with this RCE, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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